

**Park Board Meeting - October 27, 2004
Minutes**

The October 27, 2004 City of Lino Lakes Park Board meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m., by Acting Chair Lindy.

Roll call was taken, members present were Pam Taschuk, Katie Boyle, Aaron Frederickson, Pat Huelman and George Lindy. Members absent were Paul Montain and Bill Kusterman.

Also present was Rick DeGardner, Public Services Director.

REVIEW FOX DEN ACRES CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD:

Staff advised the Park Board reviewed the Preliminary Plat of Fox Den Acres at the May Park Board Meeting. He referred to a copy of the minutes from that meeting that was included in the packets. Since that time City Staff and the developer have been working with Jeff Schoenbauer to consider a conservation development approach. Mr. Schoenbauer is present this evening to discuss the Fox Den Development with the Park Board and Environmental Board.

Mr. Jeff Schoenbauer thanked Mr. Mike Black, Developer of Fox Den Acres, for working with the City on the project. He noted the City would have to change its way of thinking in order to pursue conservation development. He stressed that staff is trying to present a development that aligns with the community's vision and goals. The City Boards have to understand the project is a package and every aspect is linked together.

Mr. Schoenbauer reviewed a working example of greenways, trails and stewardship within the plan as well as the Fox Den conventional proposal. The conservation plan includes approximately 28 acres of open space that would be controlled and maintained. He reviewed the goals achieved within the plan along with the proposed commitments to the developer. He noted the most important commitment to the developer is approval to deviate from the City's current Growth Management Plan.

The Environmental Board approved the Fox Den Acres development with the addition of the previously noted recommendations.

Mr. Shoenbauer advised the plan is linked to the growth control issue. He recommended the City keep its Growth Management Plan in tact for conventional development. He also recommended the City allow for flexibility within the Growth Management Plan in terms of conservation development.

The Park Board excused itself from the presentation at 7:38 p.m.

Rick advised the only park credit that would be given to the developer is for the trail construction.

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Aaron stated the City lacks long destination trails and the development is a good starting point for the City.

It was the consensus of the Park Board to support the Fox Den Acres Conservation development as well as the conservation development approach as a whole.

Aaron Frederickson made a motion of support, seconded by Pam Taschuk, for the Fox Den Acres Conservation Development as presented to the Environmental Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 4, 2004:

Aaron noted "Frederickson" is spelled incorrectly in the second paragraph on the first page of the minutes.

Pam Taschuk made a motion, seconded by Katie Boyle, to approve the October 4, 2004 minutes as amended. The minutes were approved.

SETTING THE AGENDA:

There were no changes to the agenda.

OPEN MIKE:

No one was present for open mike.

REVIEW PARK DEDICATION STUDY:

Rick advised a study was undertaken last month to analyze the current park dedication fee structure. That information was distributed to the City Council for review and comment. Included in the packets was a copy of the study as well as an accompanying memo that was distributed to all Council Members. It is anticipated that the City Council will formally discuss updating the Park Dedication Fee Ordinance next month.

Rick asked Park Board members to review the study and contact him regarding any proposed changes.

REVIEW 2004 GOALS:

Rick provided the following update related to each of the 2004 goals:

Connect Existing Trail Along North Side of Birch Street - Black Duck Drive to Pheasant Hills Drive

Staff has sent a letter to the Anoka County Highway Department requesting their comments related to this trail project. Since the proposed trail segment would not adhere to the County's new standards of a 22' buffer zone from a rural roadway to an off-road trail, staff hopes that Anoka County will be willing to work with the City to complete this critical project. Included in the

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packets was a copy of the letter that was sent to the Anoka County Highway Department.

Construct Trails at Birch Street/Hodgson Road Intersection

These trails were completed during the week of October 18.

Holly Drive Pole Relocation for New Trail

This will occur during the reconstruction of Holly Drive.

Pave Birch Park Trail - Boardwalk to Parking Lot

This trail was completed during the week of October 11.

Extend Glenview Trail to Sunrise Park Parking Lot

This trail was completed during the week of October 11.

Survey Arena Acres Residents Regarding Existing Tennis Courts

Staff anticipates sending surveys to residents sometime next month.

DETERMINE 2005 PARK BOARD MEETING DATES:

Rick advised staff is recommending the following 2005 Park Board meeting dates. He noted the September meeting will be the annual park tour and BBQ. Pam Taschuk made a motion to approve the 2005 Park Board meeting dates. Seconded by Katie Boyle and approved.

Tuesday, January 4, 2005	Tuesday, July 5, 2005
Monday, February 7, 2005	Monday, August 1, 2005
Monday, March 7, 2005	Tuesday, September 6, 2005 Tour/BBQ
Monday, April 4, 2005	Monday, October 3, 2005
Monday, May 2, 2005	Monday, November 7, 2005
Monday, June 6, 2005	Monday, December 5, 2005

RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Rick referred to the Program Highlights Flyer from October 2004. He noted three out of five trips planned for MEA were held. The trips included Bowling, Lunch and Como Zoo, Rockin' Out at Vertical Endeavors and The Ultimate Big Screen Experience: IMAX at the Zoo.

Rick stated Tackle Football Championships would be held on Thursday, October 28 at Centennial High School and Saturday, October 30 at Centennial Middle School. The end of season Fall Soccer tournament for U10 and U12 Boy's Girls will be held on Saturday, October 30.

Rick noted 140 people are currently registered for this year's Breakfast with Santa event. There is a maximum of 220 participants for this event.

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Rick added the winter edition of the Recreation Review is scheduled to be in homes the last week of November.

PARKS DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Rick reviewed a memo from Mike Hoffman, Parks Supervisor, which summarizes the maintenance highlights for October 2004. Rick noted the winterization of the irrigation systems has begun. Staff also assisted the Environmental Coordinator with Recycling Day and Oak Wilt control work using a vibratory plow.

Rick added the Highland Meadows Park and Marshan Park Sign projects have been completed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rice Lake Estates Park - Rick stated a copy of the letter that was sent to the City of Circle Pines immediately following the October Park Board meeting was included in the packets.

Rick advised he did receive a message from Dave Phipps regarding this issue. Mr. Phipps indicated no official action has been taken but they are exploring options. One option is to discuss the pooling of funds with Lino Lakes to develop Baldwin Park. Rick stated City staff would no longer be working with Circle Pines on the utilities for the development until this issue has been resolved.

Rick added Park Board members should start thinking about 2005 Goals for the January meeting. He noted he would like to replace playground equipment and make improvements to the field at Birchwood Park.

NEXT PARK BOARD MEETING:

Chair Lindy advised the next Park Board meeting would be held on December 6, 2004, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN:

Aaron Frederickson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Pam Taschuk. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Points
Recording Secretary

These minutes were approved at the January 4, 2005 Park Board Meeting.